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Dr. Louis Freedberg  
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Youth News  
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IN RESPONSE REFER  
TO FOIA-82-422

Dear Dr. Freedberg:

This is in response to your letter dated September 7, 1982 in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), copies of records relating to disposal of radioactive and related wastes at the St. Albans Hospital in Queens, New York.

The NRC has issued byproduct material licenses to the Brooklyn Medical Center which currently includes the St. Albans Hospital and to the Department of Navy. Upon search of pertinent NRC license and inspection files, NRC staff could not locate any records subject to your request.

For your information, NRC regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 10 CFR Part 20 cover waste disposal. Disposal of certain wastes, such as wastes not mixed with radioactive wastes, is not regulated by NRC. Also, NRC does not require, and has not in the past required, licensees to notify NRC as to details of disposal of all radioactive wastes.

It is our understanding that St. Albans is currently a chronic care facility, not authorized to use nuclear medicine in caring for its patients. During a telephone conversation between you and Linda Robinson on September 23, 1982 regarding your FOIA request, you informed her that you are aware of this and that you believe any subject disposal would have occurred while the facility was administered by the Department of the Navy. Requested records, if any, may be maintained by the Department of Navy, to which you have submitted a separate FOIA request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Felton", written over a horizontal line.

J. M. Felton, Director  
Division of Rules and Records  
Office of Administration